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## HARDING WILL MEET GOVERNORS MONDAY

Program for Conference on  
Prohibition Next Month  
to Be Outlined.

## FIFTEEN MAY ATTEND

President Phones to Executives  
Meeting at White Sulphur Springs.

## PARKER RETURNS HOME

Urges Colleagues to Act for  
Beer and Wine and Against  
Klan.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 15.—President Harding to-night extended an invitation to the twenty-three Governors here in annual conference to come to Washington for a luncheon at the White House Monday.

The nature of the invitation indicates the meeting will be informal, but it is well understood by all of the fifteen Governors who have accepted that there will be a discussion on the prohibition question as it menaces American institutions through disregard for the law.

Discussion will be informal. The luncheon will merely formulate a program for orderly discussion when a formal conference on the subject is called, probably after January 15.

The invitation came as a surprise after many who attended the conference were ready to return home or had made arrangements.

President Harding talked by telephone with Gov. Sprout of Pennsylvania and later with Gov. Prouss of Minnesota. He asked that they get in personal touch with all the Governors here and give to them his earnest invitation to attend.

**Governors Silent on Views.**  
Republican and Democratic Governors alike, who will attend the luncheon, those from wet States and those from dry, are not willing to publicly express their view on the subject of discussion in advance of the White House meeting.

Gov. Parker of Louisiana, however, who was compelled to leave to-night for his home State, expressed the hope that some program would be formulated.

Gov. Parker urged action on prohibition and the Ku Klux Klan by the present conference, but it will not go on record.

Gov. Parker had asked the Governors here to take action which would bring light wines and beer and enforceable law and imprisonment in the penitentiary for all of those who violated the law.

Several of the Governors attending the conference here stopped off in Washington and urged the President to delay the call for his formal prohibition conference to a meeting date after January 15, when newly elected Governors are installed. Others maintained that meeting of Legislatures and other important engagements would keep many State executives from a January meeting.

President Harding will get much conflicting advice and suggestion at his luncheon.

**Some Fear "Buck Passing."**  
Those who will attend have many divergent views. A majority of them is positively dry and in many personally dry. They believe in the Volstead law, but

## Facilities Now Exceed Needs of War Disabled

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—A FOLLOWING a discussion at to-day's Cabinet meeting of what the Government has done and is doing to care for disabled veterans of the world war, it was officially stated that the administration is satisfied the situation is not only well in hand, but that the facilities offered are greater than the needs.

It was declared that loose statements about 70,000 men being on the waiting list for admission to Government hospitals could be characterized monstrous libels calculated to cause discontent and unrest.

The Government has 8,000 beds for which no patients have applied, and when the program of hospitalization is completed there will be twice as many beds as will be necessary.

differ widely as to how enforcement can be made effective. Many are satisfied with conditions as they are, saying their own States are dry, and very few wish to be publicly recorded at this time. There are several who feel that they may be made the victims of "buck passing."

Twelve Governors, six of them "dame ducks," accepted the invitation. They are Thomas E. Kilroy, Alabama; Thomas E. Campbell, Arizona; William D. Penny, Delaware; D. W. Davis, Idaho; Warren T. McCray, Indiana; Henry J. Allen, Kansas; Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland; J. A. O. Prouss, Minnesota; Arthur M. Hyde, Missouri; Samuel R. McKelvie, Nebraska; Wm. C. Sprout, Pennsylvania; and E. Lee Trinkle, Virginia.

Gov. Hardee, Florida, is not sure that he can attend, but may accept. Gov. Cox, Massachusetts, is not sure, but will try and arrange his engagements. Gov. Olcott of Oregon may attend. Gov. Hartness of Vermont is trying to arrange his affairs of attendance. Gov. Ephraim of West Virginia, host to the present conference, will be unable to attend because of a budget meeting Monday.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Harding decided to-day to hasten the conference of Governors, which he announced in his annual message to Congress he would call to consider ways and means of enforcing the prohibition amendment and the Volstead act.

It is the purpose of the President to have the conference open at an informal luncheon at the White House, Monday. He got into telephone communication to-day with the Conference of Governors now in progress at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and extended the luncheon invitation.

The conference will be of a purely informative character, the indications being that the President seeks to familiarize himself with conditions in the States and the reasons why the prohibition machinery in so many of them has broken down. Whether the Governors will continue the conference after they meet the President has not been indicated but there is a possibility they may desire to adopt some formal resolutions for which there would be no place on the agenda of the White House conference.

The liquor situation in Pennsylvania was discussed to-day at a conference between the President and Gifford Pinchot, the Governor-elect.

## RUMANIAN SCANDAL DENIED.

Reported Estrangement in Royal Family Contradicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Rumanian legation to-day issued the following statement: "There is no foundation whatever in the reports which have appeared in American newspapers regarding an estrangement in the Rumanian royal family."

The statement referred to published reports that Prince Carol of Rumania, renouncing his claim to the throne, had left his royal bride, formerly Princess Helene of Greece, to return to his former morganatic wife.

## OUTLAWS KILL THIRD DRY LAW ENFORCER

Kentucky Moonshiners' Chief  
Also Loses Life During  
Mountain Battle.

## POSSE SEEKS BROTHER

Bloodhounds Trail Charles  
Ballard Following Death  
of Guy Cole.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—A large force of Federal prohibition agents with bloodhounds to-night is searching Menefee county mountains for Charles Ballard, alleged moonshine and outlaw and reputed member of a gang which to-day killed Guy Cole, a Federal prohibition agent, during a battle between outlaws and twenty Federal officials. Bob Ballard, leader of the desperadoes, and brother of Charles, was killed during the fighting.

Bob and Charles Ballard, for whom the officers have been searching since R. E. Duff, a prohibition agent, was killed last Saturday, and David Treadwell, a member of a posse, was killed last Sunday, were barricaded in another log cabin a half mile from the scene of the first fight.

Cole was killed without warning before the posse had fired a shot, when he approached the front door of the cabin, according to Agent Roy Easley. Before the house was surrounded Charles Ballard dashed out the front door and through the woods. It was thought he was wounded.

Prohibition Director Collins sent reinforcements to Menefee county upon receipt of news of the battle. Twenty Federal agents and members of a posse left Lexington at 2 o'clock this morning. Arriving at the home of Jeff Ballard, father of both Charles and Albert Ballard, the posse took into custody Albert Ballard and Will Ferguson and continued their search for Bob and Charles Ballard.

When they came to an old log house on Ferguson's land, the officers were assured by the two men in custody that nobody was in the house, according to Capt. Roy Easley. As Agent Cole and several other members of the party neared the house the door was thrown open suddenly and a volley of shots poured into Agent Cole.

## One With \$1,072, Other in Rags, in Pickpocket Net

JOSEPH HARRIS, aged 33, of 137 Orchard street, well dressed and with \$1,072, and Harris Gilles, aged 40, of 12 West 13th street, wearing rags and having only an old umbrella, met in the lineup at Police Headquarters yesterday, each being accused of picking pockets. The police say Gilles gets the handle of his umbrella caught in the pockets of other men, but it appears that he has not had much success of late. Yesterday in a subway station he is alleged to have told Alexander H. Harris of 119 William street that his umbrella had caught in Harris's pocket. "And so has your hand," said Harris, as he grabbed the man and turned him over to the police.

Joseph Harris also was arrested in a subway station.

compacted the posse as representatives of the United States Marshal's office and had warrants for the arrest of Bob and Charles Ballard on charges of killing a Government officer in the discharge of his duty.

Federal officers say these two men were in the fortified cabin from which Prohibition Agent Duff was killed last Saturday when he went into that section of Menefee county with agent D. M. Carter and a posse of six special deputies from Mount Sterling. This posse was forced to withdraw from the neighborhood, leaving Duff's body where it fell when they were fired upon from the cabin and from the hilltops surrounding the place. When men went to the cabin later in the day it was found that Duff's body had been stripped of weapons, ammunition, money, badge and identification commission, officials say. The following day, Sunday, when a posse of twenty to thirty men went back to the neighborhood David Treadway of Mount Sterling was shot and instantly killed as he reached the top of a hill 90 yards from the spot where Duff was killed.

The killing of Bob Ballard will, it is believed, break up the gang which infested a wide area in the rock cave county.

## LEAVES LAW FUND TO HARVARD.

The will of Mrs. Sarah K. G. Hunt, wife of Frederick F. Hunt, filed yesterday, gives Harvard University a memorial fund with which to establish two or more scholarships in the law school. The gift is to be known as the "Galloupe Morton Fund," in memory of her son, who was graduated from Harvard in 1901. Mrs. Hunt lived at the Aphorpe, 221 Broadway.

## AMERICA FAR BACK IN LIGHT CRUISERS

Tabulation of Positions of the  
5-5-3 Powers in That and  
Submarine Strength.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Associated Press).—A tabulation showing the relative positions of the British, American and Japanese navies in cruiser and submarine strength apparently sheds light on the situation which led the House appropriations committee to propose that President Harding negotiate an international agreement to check competitive building in these types.

The figures credit Great Britain with forty-five light cruisers of the first line, built, building or projected, aggregating 206,480 tons; the United States with ten building, 75,000 tons, and Japan with eleven built and twenty-one building, and projected, aggregating 191,450 tons. In addition the list shows Great Britain to have thirteen light cruisers of the second line, 69,230 tons, neither the United States nor Japan being credited with any ships in this classification.

In fleet submarines Great Britain is credited with six of the first line, 11,280 tons; six of the second line, 7,200 tons, and two building or projected, 3,800 tons; the United States with three of the first line, built, 3,318 tons; none of the second line, three building, 6,375 tons, and six additional authorized but not under contract; Japan with no fleet submarines built, but three under construction, 4,500 tons.

In first line submarines other than fleet submarines, Great Britain is credited with forty-two built, 23,740 tons, and six building, 5,550 tons; the United States with fifty-nine built, 37,120 tons, thirty-four building, 29,575 tons; Japan with twenty-seven built, 23,528 tons and one program of sixteen building, 13,480 tons and a second building program of twenty-eight vessels, "tonnage unknown." While the tables showed a decided American inferiority in light cruisers, the United States has a distinct advantage in first line destroyers with 295 built, against 178 for Great Britain and fifty-four for Japan. Six new destroyers are given on the American—thirty-eight on the Japanese.

## CREATED OF \$2,200 ON GEMS.

David Rome, a furniture dealer, of 511 Hackensack Plank road, West Hoboken, lost \$2,200 Thursday in a fraudulent diamond deal. Two men went to his store and displayed twenty-one un-

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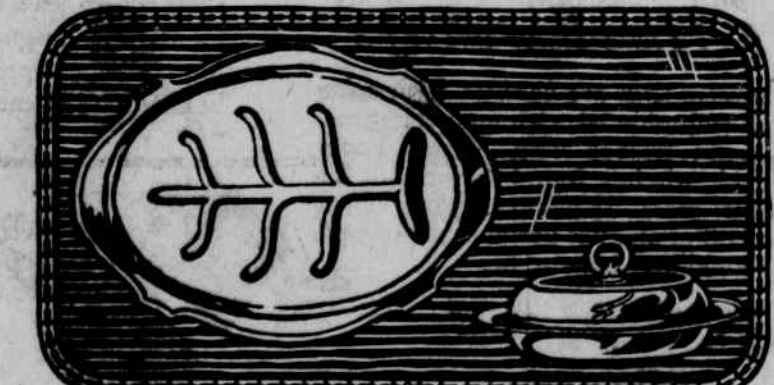
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